

a member of the executive branch, not as an administrative.

I would hope that Delegate Rybczynski would look at Amendment No. 1.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any other discussion?

*(There was no response.)*

Are you ready for the question?

*(Call for the question.)*

The Clerk will ring the quorum bell.

The question arises on the adoption of Amendment No. 8 to Committee Recommendation EB-2.

A vote Aye is a vote in favor of Amendment No. 8. A vote No is a vote against. Cast your votes.

Have all delegates voted?

Does any delegate desire to change his vote?

*(There was no response.)*

The Clerk will record the vote.

There having been 60 votes in the affirmative and 58 in the negative, the motion carries. The amendment is adopted.

Delegate Gilchrist, do you desire to offer your amendment?

DELEGATE GILCHRIST: I do.

THE CHAIRMAN: The pages will please distribute amendment L.

This will be Amendment No. 9.

For what purpose does Delegate Jett rise?

DELEGATE JETT: Mr. Chairman, I rise on a point of personal privilege.

THE CHAIRMAN: State the privilege.

DELEGATE JETT: First, I want to assure the Convention that I do not want to speak any further on the matter of the attorney general, but I wish to point out to my many friends—I underscore the “many”—the presence in the gallery of my wife—by gosh, she has ducked again—my daughter, Mrs. Tyson Janney, my granddaughter, Joyce Saville Janney, and my grandson, R. Samuel Jett III. I hope you will give them a warm welcome.

*(Applause.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: The Clerk will read Amendment No. 9.

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 9 to Committee Recommendation EB-2 by Delegate Gilchrist:

On page 1 section —, Attorney General, in lines 11 and 12 strike out the words “a member of the bar of” and insert in lieu thereof the following words: “have been authorized to practice law in”.

THE CHAIRMAN: The amendment has been offered by Delegate Gilchrist.

Is there a second?

DELEGATE GILL: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair recognizes Delegate Gilchrist to speak to the amendment.

DELEGATE GILCHRIST: Mr. Chairman, this amendment is a very simple change in language, no change whatever in meaning.

It has been discussed with the Chairman of the Committee and it is acceptable to the Chairman. It has also been discussed with the Chairman of the Committee on Style and with the Chairman of the Committee on the Judicial Branch, the phrase “member of the Bar” with an upper case “B” in it had no connotation to me up until the last week except that of a person who was authorized to practice law in the State. But when I found last week that at least two members of this Convention were under the impression that this meant a member of the Maryland Bar Association, I thought perhaps we ought to revert to the language which is in the present Constitution and use “authorized or admitted to practice.” I also am a little concerned about the possibility that a phrase such as that which is in use might open the Constitution which we are proposing to some misconstruction by some ill-intentioned opponents of the Constitution.

I, last week, saw a sheet which was circulated by a group in Baltimore which deliberately misconstrued some perfectly innocent language and I think this might help prevent such misconstruction and accordingly I would suggest that we use the kind of language which was in the constitution before.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Morgan?

DELEGATE MORGAN: Mr. Chairman, I have no objection to this amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any discussion?

*(There was no response.)*

Are you ready for the question?